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THE OLD CHURCH.

BY CLEVELAND COX.

Deserted and silent church! not unfrequently seems the situation of the travel-worn. In South. If every building for worldly use were to be laid of white and slate, it would well represent the scene—*Ed. Standard*.

There, it stands! The Old Church, on the corner, alone. With the moss and the lichen grown gray; its roof is all marked, its doors are brake down, And in "window'd raggedness" deck stands its bower.

Like a shadow have you come, like a vapor, That old building roundly laughs the dead, And the traveler in passing, stops short on his way, Gazing up at that picture of ghostly gray;

Wherever every thing living hath died.

There was joy in Rien, and rejoicing on earth— When the stone of that corner was laid;

"The wilderness bloom'd like the rose at its birth,"

It brought the "glad tidings of peace" to each heart—

For it gather'd the bones which had staid.

Let us enter that Rien, and strown down its aisle,

Let us morn on its glory o'erthere;

—See, the walls are distained by the scrawls of the vile, And hands, sacrilegious have plunder'd the pile—

—And its pavement with grass is o'ergrown.

Yet once, it was glorious—its aspect was grand—

As smooth as the velvet, its green,

Which was dyed by the green of the gild, this land,

When stone-waves in ripples around it stand;

Like the spheres, they have shone, to command

What the sun, the moon, and the stars roll'd.

And that beauty enshaded the eye—

When be'd with his jewels and studded with gold,

She step'd from her chariot all bright to behold,

And her bloom, with pride, heating high.

What a change since that time!—how their riches have flown,

Scarce a name on their tomb can be found;

For old time hath unchill'd the letters of stone,

And the slabs all green with the moss o'ergrown,

And half buried lie in the ground.

Thou art ruined, old Rien! yet the arrow hath sped,

And the iron hath entered; indeed;

Yet thousands; yes, thousands have risen in the stead,

Thy glory is vanish'd; but thy spirit not dead,

For "the blood of the Martyrs is seed."

From the *Letter of Captain Norden.*

HEAVEN IS OVER ALL.

BY FRANCIS D. GOODRICH.

In weary paths, my precious boy, Your faltering feet must fail; But bear in mind where'vr you go, That Heaven is over all!

You're tripping through a garden now, Where Childhood loves to play, And kind hands pull the flowers for you, And show the thorns away;

And softly falls the tender light—

The breeze—"Joy is breath in me!"

And to thy voice, when sorrows descend, Now blossoms wakeful bane,

But by and by to you'll leave bower, And go your ways alone,

With a hapless chanceman, love, Across your pathway throw;

And sometimes in the desert bare, Grief's bitter tost must fall,

But bear in mind, my boy, 'tis there, The Heaven is over all!

Be sure a sunbeam, that wood, Will light you on your way;

Be sure within that solitude, Some living fount will play;

And tho' the frosty rock should fret, Full long your weary feet,

There's moss upon its lesson yet, Will make a pillow sweet.

And sometimes over flint rocks, Your tender feet must stray;

And stones in tangled bower, Will slant you to your way;

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I have nobody now, I have nobody now,

To meet me on the green, Wt. light locks waving o'er her brow,

And joy in her deep eyes,

Wt. the laugh of the bairn, and the happy smile, An' the dance o' the lighthearted fay,

An' the wie o' tale o' news the while,

That Heaven is over all!

For the first few minutes that followed their interview, the prisoner, who was tall and gaunt, in each other's company, seemed as favorable as possible for conciliation as it was possible to imagine; and it required a great effort on the part of the two to restrain themselves from a frank and open interchange of their present views, when they, any one might accidentally enter.

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